

ILLEGIB

25X1

8 April 1960

Executive Registry
02-3016

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT: Meetings of the Sprague Committee
25 and 26 April 1960**

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Director.
2. I am informed that the agenda for the meetings of the Sprague Committee scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, 25 and 26 April, is tentatively as follows:

<u>Monday, 25 April</u>	<u>Consideration of staff papers by the</u>
<u>0900 - 1230</u>	<u>Committee.</u>

The staff papers, prepared by staff representatives, contain concise statements of certain problems with recommendations for the Committee's consideration. One of these reports will deal with radio broadcasting with particular reference to RFE and Radio Liberty. Another will deal with the problem of gray propaganda and the question of which agency should have responsibility therefor. If time permits, additional papers may be considered which deal with such subjects as "The Soviet Image Abroad."

Approximately 1400 - 1700

The afternoon will be given over to a discussion of the significance of economic development in the Soviet Union, the degree of success obtained by the Soviets in their economic offensive abroad, and what the United States should do to counteract the effect of Soviet foreign economic aid activities. Mr. Dillon apparently will be unable to attend this meeting but Mr. Nielsen expects Mr. Bohlen and Mr. Riddleberger to be present.

SECRET

Tuesday, 26 April
0900 - 1100


Dr. Mark May will appear before the Committee to discuss the USIA program. Dr. May's Committee has recently issued a report (press notice of which is attached) which will presumably be the subject of discussion. As you are probably aware, Mr. Philip Reed is a member of both the May Committee and the Sprague Committee.

1100 - 1230

If time permits, Mr. Sprague proposes to devote some time to consideration of a staff paper which will be prepared for the Committee on the OCB. This paper will be designed to identify possible deficiencies in the jurisdiction or procedures of the OCB and to provoke discussion as to possible ways of improving OCB's effectiveness.

3. Obviously the Committee would very much welcome your attendance throughout the entire proceedings. If your schedule does not permit this, however, it seems to me particularly important for you to be present at the discussion of the papers on RFE and Radio Liberty and also on gray propaganda which will be considered during the early part of the Committee meeting beginning at 0900 hours on Monday, April 25th. It would also seem desirable for you to be present Tuesday morning to hear Dr. May's discussion of USIA and more particularly to participate in any discussion of the terms of reference and jurisdiction of OCB which may take place later on the morning of Tuesday, April 26th.

4. The discussion of the problem of Russian economic development and foreign aid activities, scheduled for the afternoon of Monday, April 25th, seems to me less important.


John A. Bross
Senior Planning Officer
O/DDP

Att. as stated
cc: DDCI

2

SECRET

25X1

SECRET

Memorandum for the Director
Subj: Meetings of the Sprague Committee
25 and 26 April 1960
Dtd: 8 April 1960

DDP/SPO/JABross/bcd

Distribution:

- Orig & 1 - Addressee w/att.
- 1 - DDCI w/att.
- 1 - DDP w/att.
- 1 - ADDP/A wo/att.
- 1 - DDP/SPO "
- 1 - C/CA w/att.
- 1 - C/IO w/att.
- 1 - DDP Registry wo/att.

INFORMATION POST IN CABINET URGED

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP) —The United States Advisory Commission on Information called today for creation of a Cabinet-level agency to operate all United States cultural, educational and information programs overseas.

The five-man advisory group also disclosed that it had unanimously opposed a proposal by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter to return the United States Information Agency to the State Department. It is now an independent agency.

The commission spoke in a report to Congress on United States propaganda activities in 1959 and on prospects for the coming decade.

The group is headed by Dr. Mark A. May, director of the Institute of Human Relations at Yale.

Other members are Edwin D. Canham, editor of The Christian Science Monitor; Lewis W. Douglas, former Ambassador to Britain; Sigurd S. Larmon, chairman of the board of Young & Rubicam Inc., an advertising agency, and Philip D. Reed, an executive of the General Electric corporation.